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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AIU INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York
corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ACCEPTANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, a
Delaware corporation; TIG SPECIALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, a California
corporation; ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA, a Delaware corporation;
AMERICAN SAFETY RISK RENTETION
GROUP, INC., a Vermont corporation, and
DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 07-CV-05491 PJH

**TIG INSURANCE COMPANY'S NOTICE
OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR
JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS;
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES**

Date: October 29, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Judge: Hon. Phyllis J Hamilton
Courtroom: 3, 17th Floor

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

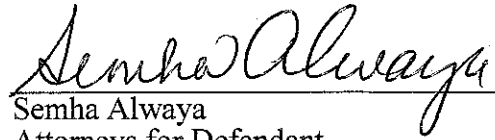
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the
matter may be heard before the Honorable Phyllis J. Hamilton, in Courtroom 3, 17th Floor, of the
above-entitled court, located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, defendant TIG
Insurance Company ("TIG"), erroneously sued herein as TIG Specialty Insurance Company, will,

1 and hereby does, move this Court for an Order pursuant to Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure, for an order granting judgment on the pleadings as to TIG on AIU Insurance Company's
3 ("AIU") First Amended Complaint's Second Claim for Relief for Declaratory Relief, the Fourth
4 Claim for Relief for Equitable Indemnity and Contribution, and the Fifth Claim for Relief for
5 Equitable Subrogation.

6 The grounds for this Motion is that AIU's First Amended Complaint does not state a claim
7 against TIG upon which relief can be granted. This Motion is based upon this Notice, the attached
8 Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the record, pleadings, and papers on file herein, and upon
9 such other further evidence as may be presented at the time of the hearing.

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11 DATED: August 28, 2008

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

The Second Claim for Relief in AIU Insurance Company's ("AIU") First Amended Complaint is for Declaratory Relief, the Fourth Claim for Relief is for Equitable Indemnity and Contribution, and the Fifth Claim is for Equitable Subrogation. None of these causes of action states a claim against TIG Insurance Company ("TIG"), erroneously sued herein as TIG Specialty Insurance Company, upon which relief can be granted. AIU's Second Claim for Declaratory Relief is subject to dismissal because the declaratory relief sought by AIU would serve no useful purpose, and is duplicative of the relief sought in AIU's other claims. AIU's Fourth Claim for Relief fails because AIU, as an excess insurer, cannot state a cause of action for equitable contribution or equitable indemnity against TIG, as a primary insurer, since the right to equitable contribution or equitable indemnity exists only when the insurance carriers share the same level of obligation on the same risk. The Fifth Claim for Relief fails because any payments made by AIU on account of property damage occurring during TIG's earlier policy period were made by AIU as a volunteer, and are not subject to recovery pursuant to an equitable subrogation theory.

II. ALLEGATIONS IN PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

A. AIU Excess Policies

AIU's First Amended Complaint ("FAC") states that AIU issued the following excess liability policies to Rylock Company, Ltd. ("Rylock"): (1) policy no. BE 309-29-74, effective March 1, 1996 to March 1, 1998; and (2) policy no. BE 357-20-18, effective March 1, 1998 to March 1, 2002 (collectively, the "AIU Excess Policies"). (FAC ¶ 12). The AIU Excess Policies provide coverage for property damage which takes place during the policy periods, and which arises out an "occurrence". (FAC ¶ 13).

B. TIG Primary Policy

The First Amended Complaint states that TIG issued a primary liability policy to Rylock, policy no. 3135280, effective March 1, 1995 to March 1, 1996 (the "TIG Primary Policy"). (FAC ¶

15).¹ The TIG Primary Policy applies to “property damage” that occurs during TIG’s policy period and arises out of an “occurrence”. (FAC ¶ 15). There is no allegation that TIG issued any other insurance policies to Rylock, or that TIG’s coverage period overlapped with AIU’s coverage period.²

C. The Underlying Litigations

Rylock is a defendant in numerous litigations involving allegations that windows manufactured by Rylock were defective, and that such defects led to water intrusion resulting in property damage during the effective periods of the policies issued by several of Rylock’s carriers, including TIG (the “Underlying Actions”). (FAC ¶ 20).

D. AIU’s Second, Fourth and Fifth Claims for Relief

1. Second Claim for Declaratory Relief

¹ The correct number for the TIG policy is 31342800.

² For the Court’s convenience, below is a coverage chart showing the primary and excess policies issued to Rylock that are at issue in this litigation. As reflected by the chart, there is no overlap between AIU’s and TIG’s policy periods.

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	Prem: \$240,000	Prem: \$230,000	Prem: \$230,000	Prem: \$230,000		Prem: \$282,430	Prem: \$337,230	Prem: \$394,084	Prem: \$417,885	Prem: \$375,000	Prem: \$185,000

1 AIU's Second Claim seeks a declaration by the Court that policies issued by Royal Insurance
 2 Company of America to Rylock (the "Royal Primary Policies") are not exhausted, and that there is no
 3 obligation under the AIU Excess Policies until all primary coverage is exhausted. (FAC ¶ 34).

4 **2. Fourth Claim for Equitable Indemnity and Contribution**

5 AIU's Fourth Claim alleges that TIG and the other primary level carriers have wrongfully
 6 refused to defend and indemnify Rylock in the Underlying Actions, and that as a result AIU had been
 7 forced to pay for such defense and indemnity under the AIU Excess Policies. (FAC ¶ 42). AIU
 8 seeks contribution from TIG and Rylock's other primary level insurers of the monies that AIU
 9 allegedly paid toward defense and indemnity. (FAC ¶ 43.) Importantly, AIU's First Amended
 10 Complaint does not specify how much, if anything, AIU has paid toward defense and indemnity of
 11 Rylock in the Underlying Actions.

12 **3. Fifth Claim for Equitable Subrogation**

13 AIU's Fifth Claim is for Equitable Subrogation and claims that AIU is equitably subrogated
 14 to the rights of Rylock with respect to those primary-level carriers, including TIG, who allegedly
 15 breached their obligation to defend and indemnify Rylock in the Underlying Actions. (FAC ¶ 45).

16 **III. ARGUMENT**

17 **A. Standard for Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings**

18 Rule 12(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that "[a]fter the pleadings are
 19 closed – but early enough not to delay trial – a party may move for judgment on the pleadings." Fed.
 20 R. Civ. P. 12(c). A motion for judgment on the pleadings, "challenges the legal sufficiency of the
 21 opposing party's pleadings." William Schwarzer et al., *Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial* ¶ 9:316
 22 (2006). Judgment on the pleadings is "proper when the moving party clearly establishes on the face
 23 of the pleadings that no material issue of fact remains to be resolved and that it is entitled to judgment
 24 as a matter of law." *Hal Roach Studios, Inc. v. Richard Feiner and Co., Inc.*, 896 F.2d 1542, 1550
 25 (9th Cir. 1990); see also *In re Dynamic Access Random Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation*, 516 F.
 26 Supp. 2d 1072, 1083 (N.D. Cal. 2007) ("The standard applied by the court in treating a motion for
 27 judgment on the pleadings is the same as that applied by the court in considering motions to dismiss
 28 under FRCP 12(b)(6). In short, judgment on the pleadings is appropriate when, even if all material

1 facts in the pleading under attack are true, the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of
2 law.”).

3 As this Court has recognized, district courts “have discretion to grant dismissal on a 12(c)
4 motion, in lieu of judgment, on any given claim.” See *DRAM Antitrust Litigation*, 516 F. Supp. 2d at
5 1084. Here, dismissal of AIU’s Second, Fourth, and Fifth Claims for Relief is appropriate as to TIG,
6 since even if all material facts in the First Amended Complaint are taken as true, TIG is entitled to
7 judgment as a matter of law.

8 **B. AIU’s Second Claim for Declaratory Relief is Duplicative of its Other Claims**
9 **Against TIG, and Should Be Dismissed**

10 AIU’s Second Claim for Declaratory Relief seeks an order that the Royal Primary Policies are
11 not exhausted, and that there is no obligation under the AIU Excess Policies until all primary
12 coverage is exhausted. This declaratory relief claim is entirely duplicative of AIU’s claims for
13 equitable indemnity and contribution and for equitable subrogation, inasmuch as all of the claims
14 seek to have the Court adjudicate the rights and duties of the parties under their respective policies of
15 insurance. Under these circumstances, a declaratory judgment would serve no purpose, and the Court
16 should dismiss AIU’s declaratory relief claim.

17 Under the Declaratory Judgment Act, the Court “may”, but is not required to, “declare the
18 rights and other legal relations of any interested party seeking such declaration, whether or not further
19 relief is or could be sought.” See 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a); see also *Wilton v. Seven Falls Co.*, 515 U.S.
20 277, 282 (1995) (“district courts possess discretion in determining whether and when to entertain an
21 action under the Declaratory Judgment Act ...”). The Supreme Court has held that a court properly
22 acts within its discretion by dismissing a claim for declaratory relief if “a declaratory judgment would
23 serve no useful purpose.” See *Wilton*, 515 U.S. at 288 (“If a district court, in the sound exercise of its
24 judgment, determines after a complaint is filed that a declaratory judgment will serve no useful
25 purpose, it cannot be incumbent upon that court to proceed to the merits before staying or dismissing
26 the action.”); see also *McGraw-Edison Co. v. Preformed Line Products Co.*, 362 F.2d 339, 342 (9th
27 Cir. 1966) (in considering whether to hear a claim for declaratory relief, courts consider two criteria:
28 (1) if the judgment “will serve a useful purpose in clarifying and settling the legal relations in issue;”

1 and (2) if “it will terminate and afford relief from the uncertainty, insecurity, and controversy giving
2 rise to the proceeding.”).

3 The declaratory relief sought by AIU in the instant case would serve no purpose. A
4 declaration concerning whether the Royal Primary Policies are subject to refreshment from other
5 primary carriers would serve no meaningful function, since Royal does not seek “refreshment” from
6 the other insurers. Similarly, a declaration regarding whether AIU’s coverage is triggered would
7 serve no purpose, absent a determination by the Court of whether AIU has the right to seek
8 indemnity, contribution or subrogation against the other insurers. AIU seeks indemnity, contribution
9 and subrogation by its Fourth and Fifth Claims for Relief, and its Declaratory Relief claim adds
10 nothing in this regard. Accordingly, the Declaratory Relief should be dismissed. *See Celador*
11 *International Ltd. v. The Walt Disney Co.*, 347 F. Supp. 2d 846, 857-858 (C.D. Cal. 2004)
12 (dismissing plaintiffs’ declaratory relief claim because each of the declarations sought by plaintiffs
13 would be resolved via other causes of action).

14 Notably, in the context of insurance coverage disputes, courts have found that dismissal of an
15 insurer’s declaratory relief claim is appropriate where the declaratory relief sought is duplicative of
16 the relief sought by the insurer’s other claims. For example, in *Royal Indemnity Group v. The*
17 *Travelers Indemnity Co. of Rhode Island*, 2005 WL 2176896, *2-*3 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 6, 2005), Royal
18 sued Travelers for equitable subrogation and subrogation, seeking to recover amounts incurred by
19 Royal in the defense of an underlying construction defect action. Royal’s complaint also included a
20 separate claim for declaratory relief. *Id.* at *3. Travelers moved for judgment “on plaintiffs’
21 declaratory judgment claim on the grounds that it is duplicative of the issues to be adjudicated in this
22 action.” *Id.* at *11. The Court agreed with Travelers that Royal’s declaratory relief claim served no
23 useful purpose, and accordingly dismissed Royal’s claim for declaratory relief. *Id.*

24 Likewise, in the present case, AIU’s declaratory relief claim serves no useful purpose, and it
25 would be uneconomical, and indeed vexatious, for the court to address the merits of the claim, given
26 that AIU’s claims for equitable indemnity and contribution and for equitable subrogation present the
27 same issues. Accordingly, the Court should dismiss AIU’s Second Claim for Declaratory Relief.
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C. AIU Cannot State A Claim for Equitable Contribution or Equitable Indemnity Against TIG

AIU, as an excess carrier, has no right to equitable contribution or equitable indemnity from TIG, as a primary level carrier, since the two insurers did not share the same level of obligation on the same risk to Rylock.

Under California law, “[a] claim under equitable contribution arises when one co-insurer has paid more than its proportionate share of the loss.” *Fireman’s Fund Ins. Co. v. Commerce and Industry Ins. Co.*, 2000 WL 1721080, *3 (N.D. Cal., Nov. 7, 2000). “[T]he right to equitable contribution arises only when all of the insurance carriers ‘share the same level of obligation on the same risk as to the same insured.’” *Id.*, citing *Fireman’s Fund Ins. Co. v. Maryland Cas. Co.*, 65 Cal. App. 4th 1279, 1294 n.4 (1998). “Excess and primary insurers do not cover the same ‘risks’ because an excess insurer intends only to cover the risk that a loss will exceed the amount covered by the primary insurer.” *Id.* Thus, “in the absence of an express agreement to the contrary, there is never any right to contribution between primary and excess carriers of the same insured.” *Id.* at *3, citing *Fireman’s Fund*, 65 Cal. App. 4th at 1300; see also *Reliance Nat’l Indemnity Co. v. General Star Indemnity Co.*, 72 Cal. App. 4th 1063, 1078 (1999) (“there is no contribution between a primary and an excess carrier.”).

In *Fireman’s Fund Ins. Co. v. Commerce and Industry Ins. Co.*, 2000 WL 1721080, a group of excess insurers brought claims for “equitable indemnity” and “equitable contribution” against a primary insurer, seeking to have the primary insurer reimburse them for a \$5 million payment they had made to the insured. *Id.* at *1. The court found that plaintiffs were excess insurers seeking reimbursement from a primary insurer, and the parties had no express contribution agreement. *Id.* at *3. Thus, the court ruled, “to the extent plaintiffs state a claim for equitable contribution, it fails as a matter of law.” *Id.* at *3. The court also rejected the excess insurers’ equitable indemnity claim on the ground “if an excess insurer may not seek partial reimbursement through contribution, it follows it likely cannot seek complete reimbursement through indemnification.” *Id.* at *4.

In *Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. v. American Int’l Surplus Lines Ins. Co.*, 465 F. Supp. 2d 1005, 1009-1010 (S.D. Cal. 2006), an excess insurer moved for summary judgment on its claim

1 that it was entitled to equitable contribution from a primary insurer for amounts incurred defending
2 an underlying action. The excess insurer had issued an umbrella policy for the period November 30,
3 1995 to November 30, 1996, and the primary insurer had issued primary level policies covering the
4 period from May 1, 1991 to May 1, 1993. *Id.* at 1010. The district court noted the rule that “there is
5 generally no right to equitable contribution between a primary and an excess carrier ... ‘because they
6 are not on the same level of liability, absent a specific agreement to the contrary.’” *Id.* at 1026, *citing*
7 *American Casualty Co. of Reading, PA v. General Star Indemnity Co.*, 125 Cal. App. 4th 1510, 1520-
8 1521 (2005). Applying this rule, it found that the excess insurer was not entitled to contribution from
9 the primary insurer because the excess insurer’s policy period began years after the primary insurer’s
10 policy periods, and “[the excess insurer] thus did not insure [the insured] for the ‘same risk’ at the
11 same level as did [the primary insurer].” *Id.* at 1026-1027. Thus, the district court denied the excess
12 insurer’s motion for summary judgment on a theory of equitable contribution. *Id.*

13 In *Travelers Casualty & Surety Co. v. Ins. Co. of the State of Pennsylvania*, 2006 WL 149005,
14 *1 (N.D. Cal., Jan. 19, 2006), plaintiff Travelers alleged a claim for equitable contribution relating to
15 payment of a settlement in an underlying action. In addressing the claim, the district stated: “[e]very
16 California case of which we are aware has enforced an insurer’s contribution claim only where the
17 other insurer was also obligated to pay on the claim.” *Id.* at *2, *citing Reliance National Indemnity*
18 *Co. v. General Star Indemnity Co.*, 72 Cal. App. 4th 1063, 1076 (1999). “No right to contribution
19 exists between insurers at the different risk levels.” *Id.* The court found that “[t]his rule barring
20 cross-risk-level contribution ... bars contribution for payments made under Travelers’ *excess* policies
21 from ISOP’s *primary* policies.” *Id.*

22 Similarly, in the present case, AIU and TIG did not share the same level of obligation on the
23 same risk to Rylock. To the contrary, there was no overlap between their respective coverage
24 periods, and AIU covered only excess level losses as opposed to TIG which covered Rylock’s
25 primary level losses. Accordingly, as a matter of law, AIU has no right to equitable contribution or
26 equitable indemnity from TIG.

D. AIU Has Not Stated A Claim for Equitable Subrogation Against TIG

AIU also seeks to shift liability for the Underlying Actions to TIG pursuant to its equitable subrogation claim. The equitable subrogation claim fails as to TIG because any payments made by AIU on account of property damage first manifesting during TIG's policy period were voluntary in nature, and thus not recoverable under an equitable subrogation theory. Also, AIU's equitable subrogation claim is defective because the First Amended Complaint does not allege that AIU has paid a sum certain to Rylock in satisfaction of obligations for which TIG was liable.

1. Overview of Equitable Subrogation

"Principles of equitable subrogation rather than equitable contribution apply to disputes between insurers when the insurers do not share the same level of risk. In contrast to equitable contribution, the aim of equitable subrogation is to place the burden for a loss on the party ultimately responsible for it and by who it should have been discharged, and to relieve entirely the insurer or surety who indemnified the loss and who in equity was not primarily liable for it." *Travelers*, 465 F. Supp. 2d at 1027.

"The essential elements of an insurer's cause of action for equitable subrogation are as follows:

- (a) the insured suffered a loss for which the defendant is liable, either as the wrongdoer whose act or omission caused the loss or because the defendant is legally responsible to the insured for the loss caused by the wrongdoer;
- (b) the claimed loss was one for which the insurer was not primarily liable;
- (c) the insurer has compensated the insured in whole or in part for the same loss for which the defendant is primarily liable;
- (d) the insurer has paid the claim of its insured to protect its own interest and not as a volunteer;
- (e) the insured has an existing, assignable cause of action against the defendant which the insured could have asserted for its own benefit had it not been compensated for its loss by the insurer;
- (f) the insurer has suffered damages caused by the act or omission upon which the liability of the defendant depends;

(g) justice requires that the loss be entirely shifted from the insurer to the defendant, whose equitable position is inferior to that of the insurer; and

(h) the insurer's damages are in a liquidated sum, generally the amount paid to the insured.

Travelers, 465 F. Supp. 2d at 1027, n.22, citing *Fireman's Fund*, 65 Cal. App. 4th at 1292.

2. Any Payments Made by AIU for Losses for Which TIG Is Primarily Liable Were Voluntary

In a hollow attempt to plead a valid equitable subrogation claim, AIU's Fifth Claim for Relief incorporates its conclusory allegation that "[e]quity dictates that AIU obtain from ... TIG ... complete or partial reimbursement of the monies that AIU paid toward the defense and indemnity of Rylock in the pending claims because, in doing so, AIU satisfied [TIG's] obligations." (FAC ¶ 40).

The allegation that AIU made defense and indemnity payments in satisfaction of TIG's obligations is simply untrue, as evidenced by AIU's inability to allege any specific payments it made in satisfaction of TIG's obligations. Even accepting that the allegation is true, however, it is evident that any such payments were made by AIU as a volunteer, since AIU provided excess level coverage for property damage that occurred between March 1, 1996 and March 1, 2002, and had no obligation to pay for property damage that first occurred and/or manifested itself during TIG's policy period between March 1, 1995 and March 1, 1996. See *Great American West, Inc. v. Safeco Ins. Co. of America*, 226 Cal. App. 3d 1145, 1150 n.4 (1991) (noting that an insurer which paid for property damage already manifested in prior policy periods and hence already covered by other insurers "of course ... did so as a volunteer because post manifestation carriers have no liability for continuing property damage."). As demonstrated below, the voluntary nature of any payments made by AIU for losses for which TIG was primarily liable bars its recovery under an equitable subrogation theory.

In *Fireman's Fund Ins. Co. v. Maryland Cas. Co.*, 21 Cal. App. 4th 1586, 1592-1593 (1994), an excess insurer brought an action against a primary insurer, seeking equitable subrogation on the ground that the primary insurer had misallocated the proceeds from its primary policies so as not to exhaust all the policies covering the years before the excess policy was in effect, thereby requiring the excess insurer to pay benefits under its policy. The court found that assuming the excess insurer

1 was factually correct, its payment presented amounts for which it was not liable, since the underlying
2 property damage had manifested in earlier policy years, and hence the insurers in those years, and not
3 the excess insurer, was liable. *Id.* at 1598 and n.11. Since the excess insurer's payment was as a
4 volunteer, equitable subrogation was unavailable to it. *Id.* at 1598. The Court of Appeal noted that
5 the excess insurer could not have reasonably believed that it might have had liability for damages
6 which accrued during the primary carrier's earlier policy period, because California courts have
7 "definitively declared a later insurer was not liable for damages manifested in an earlier policy
8 period." *Id.* at 1598, n.12.

9 Based on the foregoing, any payments that AIU made in satisfaction of property damage that
10 occurred during TIG's earlier policy period were made by AIU as a volunteer, and hence AIU's
11 equitable subrogation claim is barred. *See generally Employers Ins. of Wausau v. Musick, Peeler &*
12 *Garrett*, 948 F. Supp. 2d 942, 945 (S.D. Cal. 1995) ("an insurer cannot assert subrogation rights
13 based on a claim that was paid as a volunteer.").

14 3. AIU Has Not Alleged any Specific Amounts It Paid

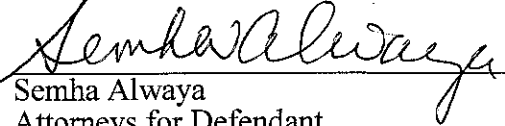
15 AIU's equitable subrogation claim is also defective because it has not alleged damages in a
16 liquidated amount. Under California law, a requisite element of a cause of action for equitable
17 subrogation is "the insurer's damages are in a stated sum, which is usually the amount paid to the
18 insured, assuming the payment was not voluntary and was reasonable." *See Gulf Ins. Co. v. TIG Ins.*
19 *Co.*, 86 Cal. App. 4th 422, 432 (2001) (holding that insurer could not pursue equitable subrogation
20 claims where there was "no indication that there was an amount in excess of [the underlying claim]
21 for which the insured was liable and for which [the insurer] paid."). AIU's inability to comply with
22 this fundamental requirement for pleading an equitable subrogation claim further warrants dismissal
23 of its equitable subrogation claim.

24 IV. CONCLUSION

25 For the foregoing reasons, the Court should dismiss AIU's claims for declaratory relief,
26 equitable indemnity and contribution, and equitable subrogation as to TIG.

1 DATED: August 28, 2008

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